

## DANGER IN LACK OF AMMUNITION

United States, in Case of War, Would Be at Mercy of Any Power.

TWO YEARS TO GET SUPPLY

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, February 8.—The United States, through lack of ammunition, would be at the mercy of any foreign power which might declare war upon it.

Statements to this effect, it was learned to-night, have been made by Secretary of War Garrison and General Crozier, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, before the Senate Committee on Appropriations in executive session.

"If we should by any misfortune be brought into contact with a hostile power with another nation goes without saying that we have not ammunition enough to make it effective. We have not to have more," Secretary of War Garrison told the committee.

Working under rush orders, and to the limit of capacity afforded by the country, it would take two years to make up the existing deficiency in artillery ammunition," said General Crozier, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.

The information laid before the committee was so startling that Senator Martin, of Virginia, its chairman, exclaimed in amazement:

"If this ammunition cannot be produced in less than two years, and we cannot maintain our army, we are in a very bad way. We might as well be without an army. No difficulty that will ever arise with a foreign country would wait two years for us to make ammunition."

Requests for War Department. The War Department asked of the House \$200,000 for the manufacture and purchase of mountain, field and siege cannon, and the House gave half that sum. It also asked \$100,000 for ammunition for these guns and the House granted only \$50,000.

Secretary Garrison explained that the estimate this year was larger than during the last administration because he had told his committee that the army actually needed and not a dollar extra. In the last administration, he said, arbitrary cuts for estimates were made, regardless of the needs of the government.

The hearing related to field artillery and its ammunition. On this point Secretary Garrison said:

"I have been advised by those experts in the department who make matters of this kind that we are very far behind in this character of ammunition. They say that in the event of a conflict with a foreign power, we would be handicapped very severely by reason of the lack of that which cannot be produced in the open market, cannot be procured from other sources, and could only be on hand by our previous forethought. We have not to have it ready to-day and artillery cannot be manufactured in a rapid way."

"If the artillery for the organized militia which has become the main arm of the army in time of war were included," General Crozier said, "the artillery ammunition deficiency would aggregate \$12,000,000."

Get Supply in Two Years. "So that," interrupted Senator Martin, "if we were going into conflict that would require an army of half a million men, we could not put them on a war footing in less than two years?"

"Yes," replied General Crozier, "and that is precisely in accordance with what I have been saying to the committee of the House and the Senate ever since I have been coming here. This sort of thing cannot be done by a lavish supply of money after the emergency arises. The remedy is by action to these appropriations that I have been suggesting has been based on."

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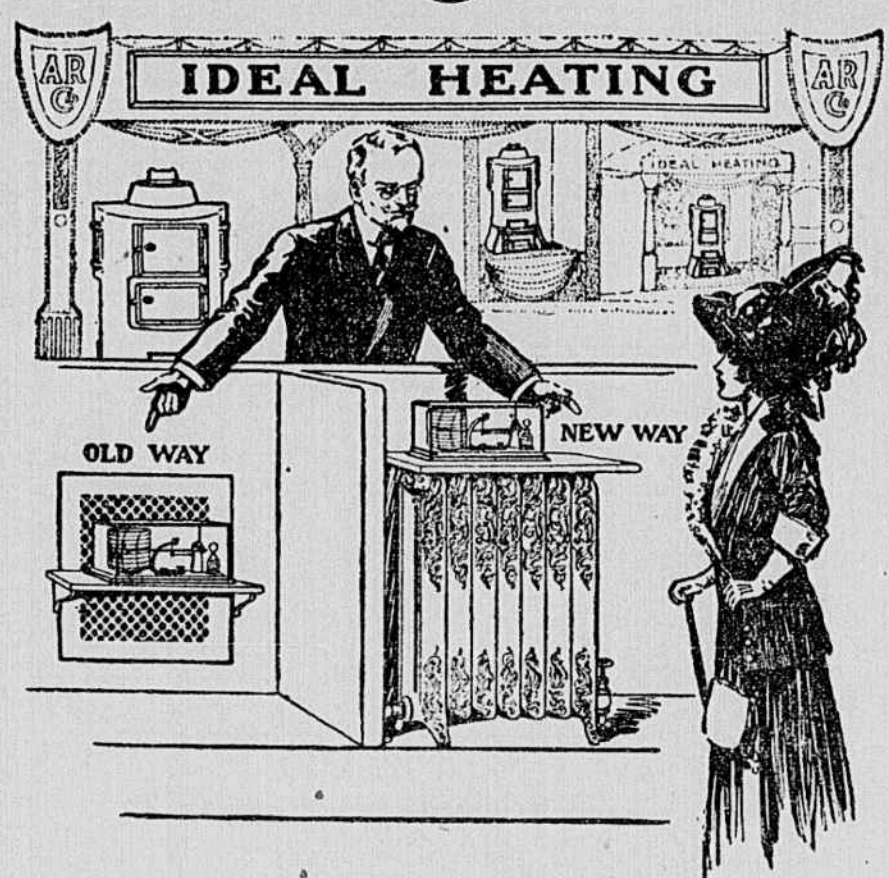
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## STEAMERS HIT BY TERRIFIC STORM

Waves Smash Decks and Lifeboats and Cause Much Other Damage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) New York, February 8.—Three steamships which arrived Monday at Providence, the Kaiserin Augusta, Victoria and the Megantic, brought reports of struggles with a terrific storm and tremendous waves which smashed decks, fixtures and lifeboats and did other damage.

The Megantic, the first of the three to come into port, showed plentiful evidence of the violence of the storm. Sections of railing were broken, a lifeboat was missing, porthole lights, cabin skylights and ventilators were smashed and other damage done by the gale into which the vessel ran on the night of February 4.

Passengers were thrown from their berths by plunging of the vessel during the storm, and women on the steamer became hysterical, while others knelt in prayers, believing the vessel to be sinking.

La Providence and the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria ran into the storm about the same time and each suffered considerably. The Olympic, of the White Star Line, east-bound, evidently ran into the same storm, according to wireless reports received by way of Cape Race, which told of several passengers on board the great liner being injured when a great wave came aboard, broke the port lights of the first saloon.

Among the passengers on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria were Mrs. James A. Burden, Miss Fanny Brice, Emil Bous and Senator James Hamilton Lewis.

NO TIDINGS FROM TUG. Wireless Fails to Find Trace of Missing Naval Vessel. Norfolk, Va., February 8.—All wireless stations along the Atlantic coast are sending out appeals for news of the naval tug Potomac, which early in the week went out to rescue the crews of the fishing schooner Hiram Lowell and Frances Willard, which had been in the ice pack in the Bay of Islands, on the New Foundland coast.

The Potomac, finding it impossible to get through the pack to the schooners, started for North Sydney on Thursday night and should have reached that port on Friday. The tug carries a crew of thirty men.

NO TAX ON BACHELORS

Debate at Y. M. H. A. Show That Law Would Be Unjust. Debate, essays and addresses made the weekly meeting of the Young Men's Hebrew Association its headquarters, 12 North Eighth Street, last night. One of the most interesting of the organization has yet had, and a large attendance, proved the growing popularity. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Joseph Bear, who opened the evening's entertainment by a talk on the merits of the society. The question "Resolved, that Bachelors Should Be Taxed to Support Old Maids" was successfully debated by the speakers for the negative, much to the delight and amusement of the audience. The affirmative was upheld by Samuel Gellman and Miss Rebecca Sosenberg, and the negative by Samuel Sharode and Miss Henrietta Shapiro.

Miss Anna Bear read an essay on "The Value of a Day," and Alfred H. Hirschberg read a paper on "Our Y. M. H. A."

WORLD IS GROWING BETTER

Speaker Clark Optimistic in Address at Mass Meeting. Washington, February 8.—Speaker Champ Clark to-day told a Christian Endeavor mass meeting here that the world is growing better. He said the reason many people took a gloomy view of the times, was because the telegraph enabled newspapers now to chronicle the crimes and disasters of all the world within a few hours.

The Speaker declared nothing made him more angry than to hear people say that public men of the present day are corrupt. The people's representatives in Washington, he said, are "honest, conscientious, earnest men. Ninety-nine per cent of the men sent to Congress, he added, leave poorer than they came."

Discussing the hardships resulting where several churches are struggling in a single small town, Mr. Clark said he hoped some day to see his own church, the Christian or Campbellite, and the Baptist, struggling together. Their beliefs he said, were near enough the same to warrant them in joining hands.

FIRE IN THEATRE

Starts Few Minutes After Building Is Cleared of Great Crowd. Washington, February 8.—Fire started in a theatre here late to-day, a few minutes after it had been cleared of a great crowd, that included Vice President Taft, Secretary of War, Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, pastor of Westminster Chapel, London, and church dignitaries from London and other parts of the world. The fire broke out in the balcony of the theatre, and the fire department was called.

Several men who lingered behind the speakers, saw smoke issuing from the dressing-room and discovered a pile of clothing ablaze. An alarm was turned in, exciting the theatregoers, and the fire department was called.

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"Blessed? Surely. But we were sad. I knew no wishes of our friends could make us more happy. Together we went to the old, old church in Providence where Lucien received his first communion. A few of Lucien's friends and his dear aunt were there to see us married with the sea beating high up on the rocks behind us. There we stood bareheaded, with the great sky and sea above and below. The priest, the silver of the little altar, the voices of the enthusiastic land of the priest—ah, there happiness came in a great volume of harmony. I shall never forget it."

"Through the unfrequented roads of middle France to Pontarlier, and on to Lake Geneva, we motored alone on a glorious honeymoon. Down the Rhine Valley, where the sun shines for the happy in life, and to a little inn in the Canton of Valais, we continued, laughing at those who would know where we were going, and why we laughed all day. In Italy we visited Milan, Florence, Rome and Naples, where, together we sang on the shores alone and headed. Then back to Paris as quietly as we left, to get ready to come to America—your huge ambition, bigger, and more enthusiastic land."

"Have you guessed my message to all those women who seek happiness and marriage hand in hand? It is this: 'Marry of your own kind, of your own blood, of your own country. For without happiness, marriage is cruel, harsh. I know. It was thus that I found happiness.' Lina."

ZERO WEATHER IN CHICAGO.

Brings One Death and Suffering to Thousands of Poor.

Chicago, February 8.—Zero weather, the first of the year here to-day, brought one death, and suffering to thousands of poor. The cold wave arrived last night, and at 3 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered zero. At 8 o'clock, seven degrees below zero was marked, and the mercury since then has hovered near the zero mark.

Seventy-five fires kept the fire department moving all day. To-night the department was badly crippled, many of its members suffering from frozen hands and feet. Two Episcopal churches were damaged by fires.

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